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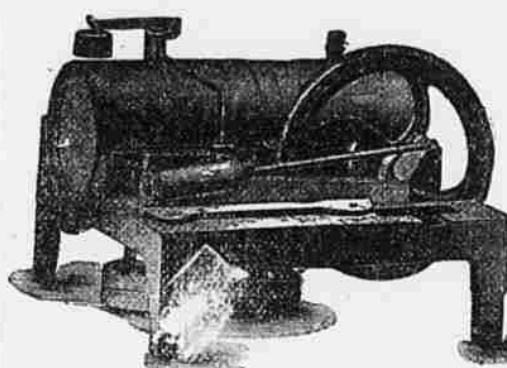
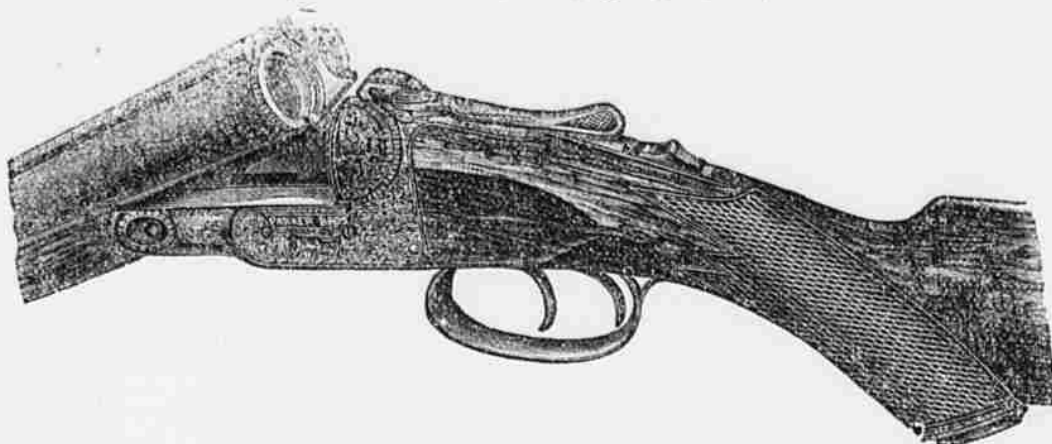
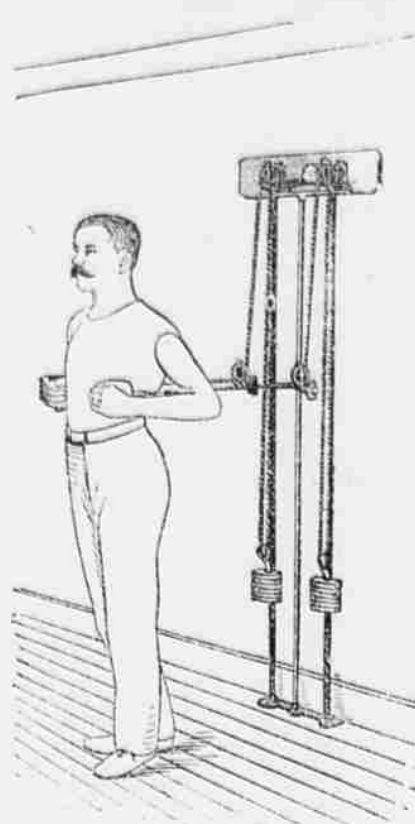
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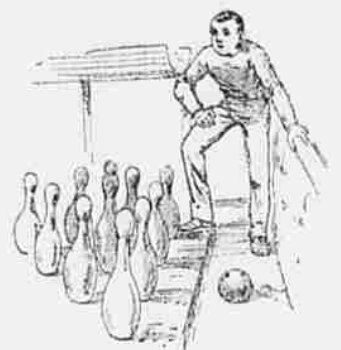
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## ROWING AND ATHLETICS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—A. B. George, W. T. Young, and Conrad Marks, of the Manhattan Athletic Club, met to-day on the grounds of the club and contested for the two-mile steeple-chase championship in the Amateur Athletic Union. It resulted in a comparatively easy victory for Young. George was over-trained. The first mile made in 5 minutes 19-3/5 seconds, all three runners keeping well together. Young came in at the end of the race 200 yards ahead of George, his time being 11 minutes 50-2/5 seconds; George, 11 minutes 11-2/5 seconds.

The ten-mile championship run which followed was won by T. P. Conneff, M. A. C. He had for his competitors his club mates, W. T. Young, W. M. Jach, and W. De Podesta, J. W. Lloyd, Prospect Harriers, and J. Adelsdorfer, Pastime Athletic Club. Conneff took the lead at the finish of the third mile, and maintained it to the end, finishing about one-fifth of a mile ahead of Young, the second man. His time was 55 minutes 32-4/5 seconds.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The prospect of good foot-ball matches at the Madison Square Garden to-night served to bring out a crowd that attended the athletic meeting given there under the auspices of the Staten Island Athletic Club. There were at least 4,000 people in the garden when the foot-ball players of Rutgers College and University of Pennsylvania appeared on the ground to open the fray at 8 o'clock. The management was worse than ever, though. At the end of the game the score was 20 to 6 in favor of the University of Pennsylvania. They retired and were succeeded in the field by the Port Chester Gaelic foot-ball team and the Gaelic Society team under the Gaelic Association rules. Score, Gaelic Society, 3 goals, 8 points; Port Chester, 1 goal, 5 points.

A brilliant game of foot-ball was played on Friday between the High School and the Emerson Institute. Both teams played a quick, steady game, but by good interfering on the part of Smart, Clark, Gregg, and Swan, the High School won, score, 25 to 0. This is the first game of the High School team and was, of course, very interesting on that account. A large crowd was present and went away very much elated by the showing of Capt. Smart and his team. Splendid runs were made by Swan, Clark, McRoberts, and Smart. Mr. Sam Davis, of the Columbian College, was referee, and Mr. Charles Harris, of the Kaloramas, umpire. Wednesday the High School expect to play the Emersons again, and the Second Eleven from Kendall Green on Friday. They also expect a show at the newly-organized Duponts in the near future. Challenges will be gladly received by Mr. A. E. Menocal, at the High School, Seventh and O streets.

The Potomac Athletics will give their first indoor meeting on Monday evening at their clubhouse, Seventeenth street and Pennsylvania avenue. There will be several features that will be worth seeing, while the work of the novices will be the means of bringing out some of the undeveloped talent of the organization. These athletic exhibitions will be fortnightly, and there is no doubt they will stir up considerable rivalry between the members. The attendance will be confined to members and a few outsiders.

The Georgetown College boys have given up work, much to the regret of their friends. It is expected that ere the season finally closes the students will have one big yard meeting, after which the athletes will go into gymnasium work for the ball team in the spring. Father Harlin is heart and soul in the movement and is working zealously to advance the interest of the students.

The controversy over the 440-yards running record is at last settled, and the amateur championship for this distance is retained by Wendell Baker. F. L. Stebbins's pictures, which were taken at Beacon Park last week, have settled the fact in dispute—that Downs did not run the

full distance. Downs himself is convinced of that fact, and now announces that he will not push his claim for the record, but he still believes he can do the full distance in shorter time than Baker's phenomenal record. He will try again next spring.

The Columbias will give their second athletic entertainment on Saturday evening next at their club-house. From the way Professor Crossley is hustling it looks as if they expected to eclipse their first efforts. There will be the usual acrobatic and calisthenic work by members, fencing by some of the best with Professor Heintz, and Messrs. Irwin and Wade and Green and Carter will have another set-to with gloves. Another interesting sparring bout will take place between Walsh and Bolway, two of the best players of the ball team. Then Mr. Kerr, of Wilmington, Del., a member of the C. A. C. and the Warren A. C., of Wilmington, is giving Day, Johnson, and Reuler points in Greco-Roman wrestling, and the bouts between these gladiators will be worth watching.

H. E. Elmore, of the C. A. C., will row in the crew next season. As a Potomac oarsman he was No. 1, and he will unquestionably be as popular in the C. A. C. His friends in the Potomac Club were sorry to lose him, as he was one of the best and most agreeable men in the organization.

The Annapolis Club are willing and eager to cooperate with the other clubs of the District in the arrangement of a joint regatta. This club, though a non-competitive organization as far as rowing events are concerned, has always shown a progressive spirit.

Frank Butterworth, the star player of the C. A. C.'s, ought to swear a vendetta against the artist who did him up in last week's Star. It was deplorable.

Justice is one of the coming athletes of the Potomac Club. He will appear in the opening event on Monday and expects to do credit to himself.

"Now, then, let's do the Middlesex on Christmas Day," said Professor Crossley, as he led the advance guard home yesterday.

Warren Day is one of the new big men in the C. A. C. who ought to make a record on the athletic field next year.

Joyce, one of the latest additions to the ranks of the Potomacs, will make a good man in the crews next year.

The entire membership of the Potomac Club is in for a joint regatta, as they have always been every year.

The Christmas Day game between the C. A. C. and the Naval Academy boys will be a hummer.

Howard Perry is out and about and doing the hustling act again. He is a worker.

Ramsberg was elected a member of the C. A. C. last week.

We hope the clubs will have a joint regatta next season.

Fred Brackett is the coming bicyclist of the C. A. C.

The Columbias are now real champions. Don't you hear dem bells?

## BASE BALL.

### The Base-Ball Club Organized.

The Washington Base-Ball Club was organized on Friday evening at a meeting of the shareholders in the Kellogg Building. The meeting was a representative one, as there were present bankers, merchants, lawyers, brokers, contractors, doctors, and other business and professional men, and the club starts out on a brighter road than has marked any previous movement looking to the establishment of a ball club here. From the character of the di-

rectors selected it is certain the interests of the club will be intelligently looked after. The officers elected were: President, Henry B. Bennett; Vice President, Aug. Mencken; Secretary, Thomas B. Kalbfus; Treasurer, William O'Donnell. The board of directors are Messrs. M. B. Scanlan, J. J. Hogan, Edwin Sutherland, Frank Smith, Charles V. Trott, President Bennett, and Dr. C. M. B. Smith. Messrs. Sutherland, Scanlan, and Kalbfus were appointed a committee to look after grounds.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—A number of base ball men are in town, but they all claim that they are not here in connection with the game. Among them are A. Earle Wagner, of Philadelphia; Charles F. Prince, of Boston; A. W. Thurman, of the American Association conference committee, and Mr. Barrie, also of the conference committee. Messrs. Thurman, Frazier, and Barrie met to-day at the Fifth-Avenue Hotel to see if some arrangements could be made regarding the Syracuse Club. The Association is in a better position this year and does not want such small cities as Rochester and Syracuse in its circuit. The only way out of the difficulty is the price to be paid. Mr. Thurman said this morning that he was very sorry that Gen. Bruckner had gone home, as he had hoped to make a satisfactory arrangement with him. He could not tell whether the Syracuse matter would be patched up before he went home, but hoped it would. Mr. Frazier had made a proposition, which was now under consideration. The nature of the offer, Mr. Thurman said, he could not make public at present.

The result of the conference between Messrs. Thurman, Frazier, and Barrie resulted in a satisfactory settlement of the Syracuse matter. The club in that city will retire and either enter the International Association or form with other clubs of the New York State League. The Rochester Club will take the same course, and then Boston and Chicago will have representation in the American Association. Messrs. Spalding and Thurman have worked hard for the past two days on this matter and expressed tonight a feeling of relief now that a settlement has been made. Mr. Spalding was inclined to make public the financial part of the settlement, but Mr. Thurman was opposed, and in consequence it was not given out.

Late in the afternoon there was an interesting meeting at the Manhattan Athletic Club. The parties participating were Spalding and Ward, the two leaders of the late base-ball war. Mr. Spalding said afterwards that Mr. Ward did not meet him in any official capacity, but simply as an individual interested in the welfare of base ball. Late in the evening Messrs. Spalding and Thurman had another talk, and they expect to bring about a peace and good-will feeling between base-ball men before the close of the year.

Winklemann, who pitched for the Hartford last year, and who is now employed here in the City Post Office, hopes to get a chance on the Washington team for local games. He is a good pitcher, a fair batsman, and would make a good man for home games.

Ed Hanlan, the defunct Players' League manager and player, now bobs up serenely and says he will manage the new team at Pittsburgh. He claims that he will have John Ward on the team, and that the aggregation will be something immense.

Guy Hecker, the first-class player of Louisville, was in town last week consulting President Young. He speaks encouragingly of the game in Louisville.

Von der Ahe says the deals may work as they please, but Comekey, Boyle, Robinson, and O'Neil play in St. Louis next year or not at all.

Aug. Mencken, the vice president of the new Washington Club, is one of the largest cigar manufacturers in America.

Until the present disagreements among the various base-ball associations are settled def-

initely it can be set down as a fact that not a single player will be signed by the League or American Association. No one to-day knows where all the players will go, although it is stated that if the Boston, Philadelphia, and Chicago are admitted into the circuit of the American Association they will be allowed to take the pick of the players who were with them in the Players' League. This seems at least to be the drift of public feeling. The League will adopt measures looking toward a proper assortment of the players, as it would be ruinous to let the whole number loose on the market for the highest bidder. It would play havoc with the small clubs, and the rich ones would get all the star players. Therefore it can be stated that, until the matter at stake is settled there will be no signing of players.

## Truxton Circle.

To the Editor of The Sunday Herald:

While monuments perpetuating the fame of those who have lived and died within our ken are as thick around us as the leaves of Valambrosia, those in honor of the heroes of the past generation are comparatively few and far between. Perhaps the glorious shaft reared by a grateful country to its Father has, like the rod of Aaron, swallowed up the rest. In reverting to those times which tried men's souls, again in imagination Washington marshals his shadowy legions, and among those dead heroes none were braver than was Commodore Thomas Truxton, one of the first six chosen by the first President to guard the interests of our infant Navy. History tells us he fully justified the confidence reposed in him. For his humanity to prisoners taken during our struggle for Independence a London association presented him with a superb silver urn lined with gold and surmounted by a solid silver statuette of the Goddess of Liberty. This is in the possession of a grandson, Gen. E. F. Beale, a gentleman upon whose shoulders the mantle of his ancestor has gracefully fallen. Congress voted him a gold medal and a vote of thanks for gallant conduct in the action between the Constellation and La Vengeance. This is now owned by a great-grandson, Thomas Truxton Houston, a promising young banker. The Department, in officially acknowledging the delays of Commodore Truxton's brilliant achievement, added: "But this is nothing more than we expected of the gallant Truxton." The hero was blessed with one son and eleven daughters. Aaron Burr (a most competent judge) termed them "The beautiful Truxtons," an attribute which clung to them when most of their contemporaries had fallen into the sere and yellow leaf and its accompanying loss of personal charms. One of these "beautiful Truxtons" was Mrs. Emily Beale, the late owner of the estate upon which the new circle is located, and through which the new streets are being made. Possessed of rare business capacity, she transmitted, unencumbered, this fine suburban property to her children, while the contiguous estates of her friends have long since passed into the possession of strangers. Her husband, George Beale, was also an officer of the United States Navy. For bravery displayed in the action on Lake Champlain Congress voted him a medal, now in the possession of our fellow-citizen, George N. Beale, whose popularity goes without saying. Adjoining this section of our beautiful city is the estate formerly owned by Mr. Joseph Gales. Mr. George Truesdale, the Hausmann of Washington, touched these dead lands of Ekeington, and there sprang forth a suburban settlement of lovely villas and fine streets. Streams of revenue will doubtless reward his energy and ability. Those in quest of *rus in urbe* could nowhere find a lovelier or more advantageous portion of our District than within the vicinity of Truxton Circle to pitch their tents.

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